# House File 2421 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 632)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to education, including requirements related
- 2 to teacher intern license programs and licenses and
- 3 authorizations issued by the board of educational examiners.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 256.16, subsection 1, Code 2022, is
- 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:
- NEW PARAGRAPH. n. If a higher education institution
- 4 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is
- 5 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern
- 6 license from the board of educational examiners, the program
- 7 shall require participants to satisfy all of the following
- 8 requirements before completing the program:
- 9 (1) A participant in the program must have graduated from
- 10 an accredited or state-approved college or university and must
- 11 meet the requirements for an endorsement area approved by the
- 12 board of educational examiners for a teacher intern license.
- 13 (2) A participant in the program must have at least three 14 years of post-baccalaureate work experience.
- 15 (3) A participant in the program must submit with the
- 16 application to the program a copy of an offer of employment
- 17 from a school.
- 18 (4) A participant in the program must have completed the
- 19 required pedagogy training.
- 20 (5) A participant in the program must work under the
- 21 supervision of a teacher leader assigned by the school district
- 22 or accredited nonpublic school, including during co-teaching
- 23 and planning time.
- 24 (6) A participant in the program must complete at least
- 25 fifteen additional hours of coursework.
- Sec. 2. Section 272.2, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
- 27 by adding the following new paragraph:
- 28 NEW PARAGRAPH. d. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection
- 29 establishing criteria for applicants for licenses who have
- 30 completed an accredited or state-approved teacher preparation
- 31 program and who are applying for the applicant's first Iowa
- 32 teaching license shall not require the applicant to be an Iowa
- 33 resident if the applicant provides the board with a copy of an
- 34 offer of employment as a teacher from a school located in this
- 35 state.

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- 1 Sec. 3. Section 272.2, subsection 13, Code 2022, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 13. Adopt rules to provide for nontraditional preparation
- 4 options for licensing persons who hold a bachelor's degree
- 5 or higher from an accredited or state-approved college or
- 6 university, who do not meet other requirements for licensure.
- 7 The rules shall, at a minimum, require the board to do all of
- 8 the following:
- 9 a. Issue a teacher intern license for instruction in grades
- 10 six through twelve to an applicant who has enrolled in a
- 11 program established pursuant to section 256.16, subsection 1,
- 12 paragraph "n".
- 13 b. Allow a licensee who has attained a teacher intern
- 14 license pursuant to paragraph "a" to apply for an initial
- 15 teaching license if the school that employed the licensee
- 16 during the licensee's completion of the program established
- 17 pursuant to section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "n", and
- 18 the higher education institution that operated the program,
- 19 recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply for an initial
- 20 teaching license.
- Sec. 4. Section 272.2, Code 2022, is amended by adding the
- 22 following new subsection:
- 23 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter
- 24 17A that allow an individual seeking a career and technical
- 25 secondary authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued
- 26 the secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of
- 27 employment with a school.
- 28 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 31 This bill relates to education, including requirements
- 32 related to teacher intern license programs and licenses and
- 33 authorizations issued by the board of educational examiners
- 34 (BOEE).
- 35 The bill provides that if a higher education institution

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1 providing practitioner preparation offers a program that is 2 designed to assist students in attaining a teacher intern 3 license from the BOEE, the program shall require participants 4 to satisfy certain specified requirements. Current law requires the BOEE to adopt rules to provide 6 for nontraditional preparation options for licensing persons 7 who hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college 8 or university and who do not meet other requirements for 9 licensure. The bill provides that the rules shall require 10 the BOEE to issue a teacher intern license to an applicant 11 who has completed a program offered by a higher education 12 institution providing practitioner preparation that is designed 13 to assist students in attaining a teacher intern license. 14 bill requires the BOEE to allow a licensee who has attained 15 a teacher intern license under such a program to apply for 16 an initial teaching license if the school that employed 17 the licensee during the program and the higher education 18 institution recommend that the licensee be allowed to apply. Current law authorizes the BOEE to issue a regional exchange 20 teaching license to an applicant who has completed a teacher 21 preparation program outside of the state and who is applying 22 for the applicant's first Iowa teaching license if, among 23 other requirements, the applicant is a resident of the state. 24 The bill removes the requirement that such an applicant be a 25 resident of this state if the applicant provides the BOEE with 26 a copy of an offer of employment as a teacher from a school 27 located in this state. 28 The bill requires the BOEE to adopt rules that allow 29 an individual seeking a career and technical secondary 30 authorization to apply, and if eligible, be issued the

31 secondary authorization prior to accepting an offer of

32 employment with a school.